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VIP TRAVEL

1. (SBU) 50 American citizens will depart Haiti with Secretary Clinton. Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX) cancelled her trip to Haiti. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon will travel to Haiti on January 17. He spoke with Haitian President Rene Preval by phone on January 15. Bolivian President Evo Morales will travel to Haiti on January 18. (TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince telcon, CNN, TF1/Office of Representative Jackson-Lee e-mail, SOUTHCOM HA/DR January 16 0300 sitrep)

SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR)

2. (SBU) Twenty-six SAR teams are on the ground in Haiti, with the UNDAC team fully staffed and operational. American SAR teams are responsible for five of the 20 areas and continue to coordinate with French, Spanish, Icelandic, and Dutch SAR teams. (USAID sitrep #6)

COMMODITY FLOW

3. (U) No updates at this time.

AMERICAN CITIZEN WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS/EVACUATIONS

14. (SBU) Out of more than 5000 reported American citizen cases, 12 American citizens are confirmed dead, 21 are presumed dead, and 74 are injured. Post reports a total of 602 Amcits were evacuated on January 15. Homestead AFB is providing food and water upon arrival to American citizens on incoming flights from Haiti. Two CA officers will escort each flight from Port-au-Prince to ensure accurate manifests. (TF1/CA e-mail, TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince telcon, TF1/CA e-mail)

MEDICAL RESPONSE

15. (SBU) Five emergency health centers have been established. The WHO will provide six mobile hospitals. Five field hospitals are operational with two more expected in the coming days, which OCHA reports will be sufficient. Japan is sending a 25-person medical team. It will arrive via a Japan Air Self-Defense Force C-130 from Homestead Air Force Base in Miami, likely January 17. (TF1/DHS e-mail, USAID sitrep #6)

INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION/REQUESTS

16. (SBU) Ukraine is standing by on the request for U.S. assistance in transporting a mobile hospital unit

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SUBJECT: TFHA01: HAITI EARTHQUAKE TASK FORCE SITUATION REPORT NO. to Haiti. Both China and Taiwan are providing aid to Haiti. Taiwan reportedly announced its president would deliver assistance personally later this month. (TF1/Embassy Kyiv e-mail, AP)

DEPLOYMENT OF U.S. GOVERNMENT ASSETS

17. (SBU) USAID OFDA has provided \$36.6 million in funding. USAID Food For Peace has provided food assistance worth \$48 million. (USAID sitrep # 6)

HUMANITARIAN/SECURITY/INFRASTRUCTURE

18. (SBU) Post reports a deteriorating security situation, with widespread looting and armed gangs riding in pick-up trucks brandishing firearms. The Government of Haiti has announced plans to establish fourteen emergency relief supply distribution points in coordination with the UN, who will develop an assistance plan on a daily basis and MINUSTAH will implement distributions. Representative Dennis Kucinich (D-OH) has asked for assistance on behalf of movie director Paul Haggis, who is seeking transportation to bring \$100,000 on January 17 for St. Damien's Hospital in Port-au-Prince. Post reports the city's public water system is beginning to recover. Residents in Petionville were seen filling containers at a public hydrant, and water service was restored in lower Canape Vert. DoD has approved sending the USNS 1st Lt. Jack Lummus, a self-sustaining, self-offloading ship that can offload cargo without a port, from Jacksonville, Florida to Port-au-Prince, departing January 18 and arriving January 21. It will carry relief supplies from USAID, DoD, and FEMA. (TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince e-mail, USAID sitrep #6, Port-au-Prince 50, TF1/Western Hemisphere Affairs e-mail)

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

19. (SBU) The DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis is requesting information on behalf of the Border and

Immigration Security Division regarding any countries that have agreed to grant refugee status to Haitian nationals, pledged to house Haitian nationals, or are considering changes to their immigration enforcement posture. Immigration Minister Eric Besson announced France has suspended all proceedings aimed at deporting Haitian illegal immigrants in France. (TF1/DHS-RFI e-mail, TF1/PRM e-mail)
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